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BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a generation Iowa commission.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15.411 GENERATION IOWA  
1 2 COMMISSION.  
1 3 1. The generation Iowa commission is established within  
1 4 the department for purposes of advising and assisting in the  
1 5 retention and attraction of the young adult population in the  
1 6 state in both urban and rural areas.  
1 7 2. a. The commission shall consist of fifteen voting  
1 8 members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by  
1 9 the senate. At the time of appointment or reappointment, a  
1 10 member shall be at least eighteen years of age, but less than  
1 11 thirty-five years of age. The voting membership shall reflect  
1 12 diversity within all of the following areas:  
1 13 (1) Geographic location within the state.  
1 14 (2) Public, private, and nonprofit sector employment.  
1 15 (3) Location of secondary and higher education within and  
1 16 outside Iowa.  
1 17 (4) Urban and rural residents.  
1 18 b. Four members of the general assembly shall serve as  
1 19 nonvoting, ex officio members of the commission with two from  
1 20 the senate and two from the house of representatives and not  
1 21 more than one member from each chamber being from the same  
1 22 political party. The two senators shall be designated by the  
1 23 president of the senate after consultation with the majority  
1 24 and minority leaders of the senate. The two representatives  
1 25 shall be designated by the speaker of the house of  
1 26 representatives after consultation with the majority and  
1 27 minority leaders of the house of representatives.  
1 28 3. The voting members shall be appointed in compliance  
1 29 with the requirements of sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 69.19,  
1 30 and shall serve staggered, three-year terms as designated by  
1 31 the governor. Members may be reappointed by the governor  
1 32 provided the requirements of subsection 2 are met.  
1 33 4. The commission shall annually elect a chairperson and a  
1 34 vice chairperson from the voting members of the commission.  
1 35 5. The commission shall do all of the following:  
2 1 a. (1) By January 15, 2008, the commission shall submit a  
2 2 written report to the governor and the general assembly. The  
2 3 report shall include findings and recommendations of the  
2 4 commission regarding the status of efforts to attract and  
2 5 retain the young adult population in the state, career  
2 6 opportunities and educational needs of young adults, and the  
2 7 movement of the young adult population between rural areas and  
2 8 urban areas and between Iowa and other states. The commission  
2 9 shall submit an updated report to the governor and the general  
2 10 assembly by January 15, 2009, and by January 15 in every  
2 11 odd-numbered year thereafter.  
2 12 (2) By January 15 in years when the report required in  
2 13 subparagraph (1) is not updated, the commission shall submit  
2 14 to the governor and the general assembly a written status  
2 15 report which shall include an analysis of progress made during  
2 16 the previous calendar year on any recommendations in the  
2 17 report and any available updates on data included in the  
2 18 report.  
2 19 b. Advise and assist the department in activities designed  
2 20 to retain and attract the young adult population.

2 21 c. Develop and make available best practices guidelines  
2 22 for employers to attract and retain young adult employees.

2 23 EXPLANATION

2 24 This bill creates a generation Iowa commission.

2 25 The bill establishes a generation Iowa commission within  
2 26 the department of economic development for purposes of  
2 27 advising and assisting in the retention and attraction of the  
2 28 young adult population in the state in both urban and rural  
2 29 areas. The bill provides that the commission shall consist of  
2 30 15 voting members appointed by the governor, subject to  
2 31 confirmation by the senate, and four members of the general  
2 32 assembly serving as nonvoting, ex officio members.

2 33 The bill requires the commission to annually file certain  
2 34 reports with the governor and the general assembly regarding  
2 35 the status of efforts to attract and retain the young adult  
3 1 population in the state, career opportunities and educational  
3 2 needs of young adults, and the movement of the young adult  
3 3 population between rural areas and urban areas and between  
3 4 Iowa and other states. The bill requires the commission to  
3 5 advise and assist the department in activities designed to  
3 6 retain and attract the young adult population and to develop  
3 7 and make available best practices guidelines for employers to  
3 8 attract and retain young adult employees.

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